

English Housing Survey 2018-19

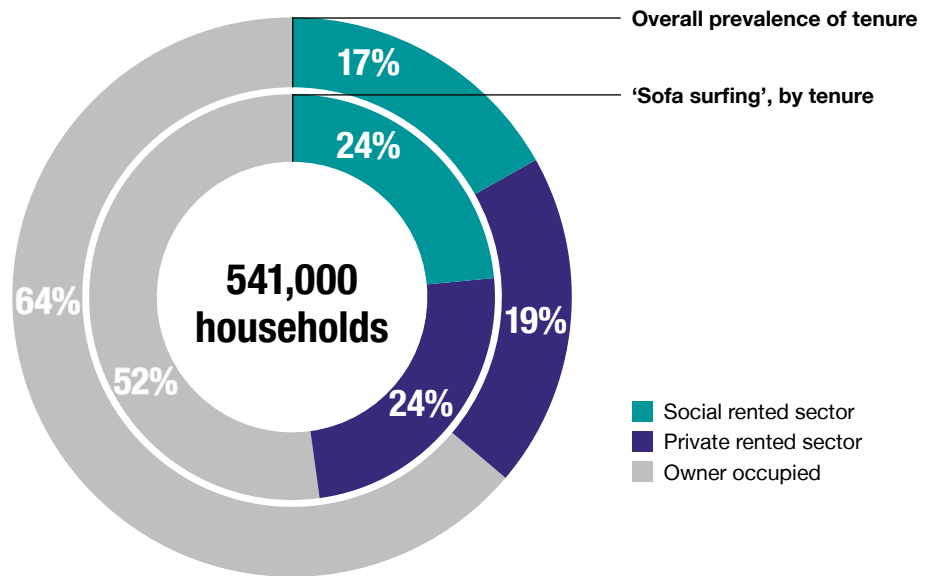
'Sofa surfing' and 'concealed households'

In 2018-19, 2% of households had someone living with them in the last 12 months who would otherwise be homeless (i.e. 'sofa surfing'). In addition, 7% of households include someone who would like to buy or rent their own accommodation but can't afford to. There are 2 million adults living in these 'concealed households'. This fact sheet reports on both groups.



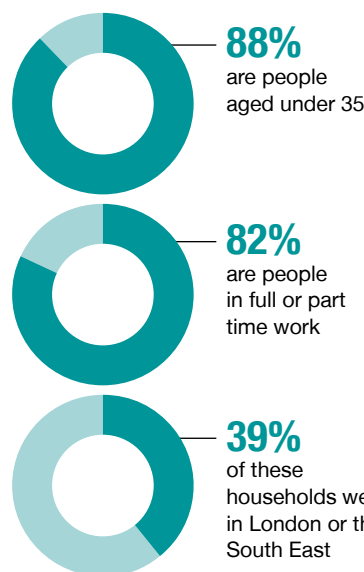
'Sofa surfing'

In 2018-19, 541,000 (2%) households reported that they had someone living with them in the last 12 months who would otherwise be homeless (i.e. 'sofa surfing'). 'Sofa surfing' is more prevalent in London and the South East. Just under three in ten (29%) of those who had 'sofa surfers' living with them had dependent children.

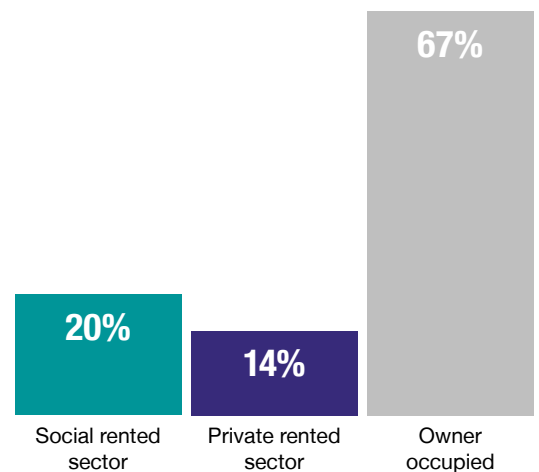


'Concealed households'

In 2018-19, there were 1.6 million households containing an adult who would prefer to buy or rent their own accommodation but cannot afford to do so. This equates to 7% of all households. Within these households, there were 2 million adults living in these circumstances.



Most 'concealed households' live with owner occupiers



Note: Sums to more than 100% due to rounding. Further data on 'sofa surfing' and 'concealed households' is available in the tables published alongside this fact sheet.